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TOWN OFFICERS

Moderator
GEORGE PARKHURST

Town Clerk.
OTIS WOODARD

Selectmen.
E. U. SIMS
JOHN R. JACKSON
EARL KEACH

Treasurer.
OTIS WOODARD

Collector.
AUSTIN GRAY

Highway Agents
TRUMAN PILBRO
ANDREW JACKSON
LYNN GRAY
GEORGE R. BROWN
CARROLL STODDARD

Supervisors.
MAURICE M. CASS
ALBION PARKHURST
TRUMAN PILBRO

Library Trustees.
GEORGE PARKHURST
MARION WELLS

Librarian
KATE J. PARKHURST

Board of Health
WILLIAM E. CONE

Surveyor of Wood and Lumber
GEORGE PARKHURST

State of New Hampshire

Warrant for Annual Town Meeting Year 1927

To the inhabitants of the town of Columbia, in the County of Coos, in said state, qualified to vote in town affairs;

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said town of Columbia, on Tuesday the 8th day of March next, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose by ballot and major vote a Town Clerk for the year next ensuing.
2. To choose by ballot and major vote one Selectman for the three years next ensuing.
3. To choose by ballot and major vote one or more Auditors for the years ensuing.
4. To choose by ballot and major vote Library Trustees for the year ensuing.
5. To choose by ballot and major vote all other necessary town officers for the year next ensuing.
6. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary for the support of the poor for the year ensuing.
7. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary for the repairs of highways and bridges
8. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary for winter roads.
9. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary for the building and maintenance of State roads.
10. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary for Public Library.

11. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary for the up-keep of the cemetery.

13. To hear the report of Agents, Auditors, Committees and Officers heretofore chosen and to pass any motion relating thereto.

14. To transact any other business which may legally come before the meeting.

Given under our hands and seal this 19th day of February 1927.

E. U. SIMS	Selectmen
J. R. JACKSON	of
EARL A. KFACA	Columbia

INVOICE OF PROPERTY

235 Polls	$ 470.	
Real Estate		$ 654 725.
190 Horses		18 760.
2 Mule		100.
899 Cows		53 755.
98 Neat Stock		4 115.
94 Sheep		1 114.
20 Hogs		399
183 Fowls		183.
Gasoline Pumps		1 200.
Stock in Trade		11 000
Mills and Machinery		4 100.
		$ 749 471.

Rate $ 2 95

ASSETS

Cash in Treasurers hands		$ 4 109 17
Taxes not collected 1926		380 74
Chandler House		1 255 00
Total assets		$ 5 744 91
Net surplus Jan. 31, 1926	$ 1 395 04	
Net surplus Jan. 31, 1927	3 083 00	
Increase of surplus	1 684 96	

TAXES ASSESSED IN 1926

State Tax		$ 1 710 00
County Tax		1 635 04
Support of Poor		300 00
Highways and Bridges		2 500 00
Winter roads		700 00
State roads and State aid construction		1 150 00
State aid maintenance		310 00
Trunk line maintenance		3 433 33
Public Library		100 00
Town Charges		600 00
Cemeteries		150 00
Cone Brook Bridge		1 500 00
Schools:		
$5. on each thous. equalized Val	$ 4 004 91	
Tuition in high school	2 000 00	
Salaries of district officers	300 00	
$2. per capita for supervision	256 00	
Repairs	400 00	
Nurse and transportation	400 00	
Superintendent	400 00	7 760 91
		$ 21 849 28
Additions		1 159 20
Total amount of warrant		$ 23 008 48

LIABILITIES

Due Schools	$ 2 660 91
Surplus	3 084 00
Grand Total	$ 5 744 91

RECEIPTS

From Local Taxes

	Property taxes 1926		$ 22 538 48
	Less abatements	127 31	
	Uncollected	119 03	246 34
1	Property taxes collected		$ 22 292 14
2	Poll taxes 1026, 235 at $2 00		470 00
3	Taxes collected for previous years		512 64
	Total taxes collected		$ 23 274 78
	From State		
5	Highways		
	a. State aid maintenance		335 77
	b. State aid construction		938 86
	c. Trunk line maintenance		1 886 89
	d. Trunk line construction, bridge		1 106 08
8	Railroad tax		179 42
9	Savings bank tax		84 70
	From County		
14	Support of poor		64 20
	From Local Sources		
16	Dog licenses		147 18
19	Rent of Town Hall		10 00
24	Highway department		60 83
27	Auto license permits		496 63
	Fileing fees for candidates		6 00
	Other sources		
28	Temporary loans		13 000 00
	Total Receipts		$ 41 591 34
	Cash on hand Feb. 1, 1926		656 56
	Grand Total		$ 42 247 90

PAYMENTS

General Government	
1 Town officers salaries	$ 789 50
2 Town officers expenses	216 20
5 Expense of Town Hall	30 87
Protection of Persons and Properties	
7 Fires	161 65
9 Bounties	20 00
Health	
12 Vital Statistics	6 40
Highways and Bridges	
14 State aid maintenance	677 67
15 Trunk line maintenance	4 826 78
16 Town Maintenance	2 085 39
17 Winter roads	599 18
18 General expenses	9 00
Libraries	
19 Libraries	100 00
Charities	
20 Town Poor	289 77
Public Service Enterprises	
27 Care of Cemetery	183 99
Unclassified	
28 Legal expenses, Boldic case	103 70
29 Taxes bought by Town	261 71
30 Town charges	99 00
33 Interest	254 90
New Construction,	
37 State aid construction,	2 161 20
38 Trunk line construction	2 733 88
Indebtedness	
45 Paid Temporary loans	13 000 00
To Other Governmental Divisions	
51 State Tax	1 710 00
52 County Tax	1 635 04
54 Schools District	6 182 90
Total Payments	$ 38 138 73
Cash on hand Jan. 31 1927	4 109 17
Grand Total	$ 42 247 90

DETAIL OF PAYMENTS

No 1, Town Officers Salaries

Alpheus Frizzell	$ 3 00
Kate Parkhurst, librarian	50 00
George Parkhurst, moderator and janitor	37 00
Albion Parkhurst, supervisor	45 00
Truman Pilbro, supervisor	45 00
Maurice Cass, supervisor	45 00
Andrew Jackson, auditor	12 00
Austin Gray, auditor	6 00
Otis Woodard, town clerk	45 00
Otis Woodard, treasurer	40 00
Otis Woodard, auto permits	31 50
John R Jackson, selectmen	100 00
Earl Keach	100 0 0
E U Sims	115 00
Austin Gray, tax collector	115 00
	$ 789 50

No. 2 Town Officers Expenses

A H Martin, printing town reports	72 94
A H Martin, printing inventories	1 50
Chas. O Stevens, clerical work	25 00
Edson C Eastman, supplies	4 12
F G Marshall	3 00
L D Ripley	38 89
Earl Pilbro	2 50
Carroll Stoddard	2 50
J R Jackson, exp. to Lancaster and Manchester	28 00
Earl Keach, exp. to Lancaster	2 50
Otis Woodard, stamps and stationary	5 25
Otis Woodard, posting notices	2 00
E U. Sims, exp. to Lancaster and Manchester	28 00
	$ 216 20

No. 5 Town Hall

W F Allen, lights	21 00
George Parkhurst, repairs	2 00
Columbia Bobbin Co., plank	2 37
Albion Parkhurst, repairs	4 00
	$ 29 37

No. 7 Fires

Seth Bunuell posting notices	$ 16 00
Andrew Jackson, posting notices	3 00
Colebrook Fire Precinct, bobbin mill	142 65
	$161 65

No. 9 Bounties

Harry Boucher, bounty on bob cat	$ 20 00

No. 12 Vital Statistics

F L Gilbert, M D, births and deaths	$ 1 50
W F Noyes, M D " " "	1 00
Ernest Cass, birth	25
Mrs Edward Sweeney	25
Rev. C L Carter, marriage	25
Rev. L P Routhier "	25
George C McDonald "	25
Joseph Simpson	25
Otis Woodard, return to State	2 50
	$ 6 40

No. 14 State aid maintenance

Lynn Gray	206 30
Carroll Stoddard	350 00
Andrew Jackson	121 37
	$ 677 67

No. 15 Trunk line maintenance

Orville L Trask	2 028 85
E U Sims	2 797 93
	$ 4 826 78

No. 16 Town Maintenance

John Chapple	4 00
M A Gould	19 00
Berger Mfg. Co.	12 00
A B Bryan	3 50
M H Gray	15 00
Carroll Stoddard, agt.	350 00
George Brown, agt.	335 80
Earl Pilbro, agt	354 94
Andrew Jackson agt.	595 88
Lynn Gray, agt.	395 27
	$ 2 085 39

No. 17. Winter Roads

M A Gould	$ 66 75
John Marshall	7 50
F G Marshall	15 00
John R Jackson & Son	29 58
Irving Blodgett	10 00
Ned Gray	18 00
Earl Keach	3 00
T G Pilbro	64 50
Earl Pilbro	9 50
Lynn Gray	72 75
Andrew Jackson	134 05
Carroll Stoddard	133 55
George Brown	35 00
	$ 599 18

No. 18. General Expenses

M H Gray, water trough	3 00
Melrose Gould, water trough 2 years	3 00
	$ 9 00

No. 19. Libraries

Kate Parkhurst, Librarian	$ 100 00

No. 20. Town Poor

For J. Duffy	
Earl Keach, wood	$ 9 00
Gosselin & Gilkey, goods	11 70
J H Marshall, wood	4 00
F G Marshall, hay and supplies	76 78
Austin Gray, supplies	9 30
D. Allen Noyes goods	4 35
E F Royal groceries	33 11
A C Hicks, shingle	13 89
W J Stevens, goods	11 39
For D. Wright	
Gosselin & Gilkey, goods	5 25
Wm Crowley, 9 weeks board	27 00
Mrs. Frank Burrill	
Dr. F L Gilbert	30 00
Gerald Harding	
Town of Stark Me.	54 00
	$ 289 77

No. 27. Cemeteries

Alpheus Frizzell	$ 65 00
Wm Noyes	65 00
Andrew Jackson, posts	17 50
W J Stevens, fence wire	15 49
M H Gray	16 00
E U Sims	5 00
	$ 183 99

No. 30 Town Charges

G W Martin, Ins. on books	12 50
L C Remick, dog license tags	6 50
Henry Greer, land damage	5 00
B H Kelsea, Ins. on Chandler House	29 00
Baldwin Auto Co. Rep. to Gerald Owen auto	31 00
	$ 99 00

No. 31. Buldoc Case

Shurtleff, Oakes and Hinckley	103 70

No. 37. Highways, Construction

State aid; Lynn Gray	986 20
Carroll Stoddard	1 175 00
	$ 2 161 20
Trunk line, Bridge	
Fred Jordan	2 705 23
M C R R, freight on bridge	28 65
	$ 2 733 88

No. 54 Schools

School District	6 100 00
School District, Dog Licenses	82 90
	$ 6 182 00

REPORT OF AUDITORS

Feb. 19, 1927

We hereby certify that we have examined the foregoing accounts, and find them correctly computed and accounted for.

F. G. Marshall,
A. B. Frizzell,
Auditors

TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT

Cash on hand Jan. 31, 1926		$ 656 56
Austin Gray, Collector	1926	22 762 14
Austin Gray, Collector	1925	315 35
Austin Gray, Collector	1924	197 29
Dog License for 1925		2 00
F & T. Nat. Bank, Temporary loans		13 000 00
Henry Chamberlin, State Treasurer		4 267 60
Auto licenses, permits		496 63
Dog licenses, 1926		145 18
Carroll Stoddard, overpaid on road		32 18
County of Coos, support of Duffy Family		64 20
George Parkhurst, rent of Town Hall		10 00
Fred Jordan, frgt on bridge		28 65
Albion Parkhurst filing for Supervisor		1 00
M M Cass " " "		1 00
T G Pilbro " " "		1 00
Otis Woodard " " Representative		2 00
Total receipts from all sources		$ 41 983 78
Paid orders drawn by selectmen		37 874 61
Cash on hand Feb. 1, 1927		$ 4 109 17

OTIS WOODARD, Treasurer.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

During the year of 1926 I have recorded 4 marriages, 10 births and 3 deaths.

Licenses have been paid to me on 68 dogs, amounting to $147 18; I have issued 127 auto license permits for which I have received $496 63 and I have paid the treasurer for above items $643 81.

OTIS WOODARD
Town Clerk

COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Paid Treasurer	$ 22 762 14
Abated	127 31
Uncolleted	119 03
Amount of warrant	$ 23 008 48

AUSTIN GRAY, Collector.

REPORT OF LIBRARIAN

Cash on hand Feb, 1, 1926		$ 19 38
Received from Treasurer		100 00
Received from fines		4 85
		$ 124 23
Paid for Books	92 50	
Magazines	7 10	
Supplies	2 23	101 83
Cash on hand Feb. 1, 1927		$ 22 40
Number of books purchased in 1926	131	
Number of books loaned in 1926	1260	

KATE J. PARKHURST, Librarian.

LIST OF TOWN PROPERTY

Town Hall, land and buildings	$ 6 000
Furniture and equipment	200
Library, furniture and equipment	1 000
Chandler House and lot	1 255
Highway department and equipment	1 000
	$ 9 455

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN TOWN OF COLUMBIA, N. H., FOR YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1926

Date of Birth 1926	Place of Birth	Name of Child (if any)	Sex and Condition M.	F.	Living or Stillborn	No. of Child 1, 2, &c.	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother	Birthplace of Father	Birthplace of Mother
Mar. 11										
Dec. 8	Columbia	Lawrence E. Greer	X		L.	5	Henry Greer	Helen Haney	New Brunswick	Colebrook
"	"	Baby Laughton	X		S.	5	Frank Laughton	Grace May Elliott	Canaan, Vt.	Hooksett
Jan. 20	"	Howard W. Colby	X		L.	8	James Colby	Annie Smith	Bow	Exeter
Apr. 30	"	Mildred W. Cass		X	L.	4	Ernest Cass	Laura May Wheeler	Columbia	Pittsburg
Sept. 29	"	Barbara H. Harding		X	L.	4	Gerald G. Harding	Ethel M. Brown	"	"
Oct. 19	"	Iona Leota McKeage		X	L.	7	Robert McKeage	Mabel Harding	Pittsburg	"
Nov. 9	"	Catherine M. Sweatt		X	L.	11	Hollis Sweatt	Nettie B. Amey	Columbia	Stratford
Nov. 12	"	Claude A. McKeage	X		L.	1	Claude J. McKeage	Pearl Parkhurst	Clarksville	Columbia
Oct. 18	"	Ione J. Wallace		X	L.	1	Lew A. Wallace	Gladys M. Clark	Columbia	Lemington, Vt.
Nov. 24	"	Lucille M. Washburn		X	L.	1	Wm. A. Washburn	Gertrude M. Gonyer	Pittsburg	Northumberland

I hereby certify that the above return is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

OTIS WOODARD, Town Clerk.

DEATHS REGISTERED IN TOWN OF COLUMBIA, N. H., FOR YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1926

Date of Death 1926	Name and Surname of the Deceased	Age Y.	Age M.	Age D.	Place of Birth	Sex and Condition M.	F.	Col.	Single, Married or Widowed	Place of Birth Father	Place of Birth Mother	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother
Mar. 6	Lawrence E. Greer		1	15	Columbia	X		W.	Single	New Brunswick	Colebrook	Henry Greer	Helen S. Ham
Mar. 11	Baby Laughton				"	X		W.	Single	Canaan, Vt.	Hooksett	Frank Laughton	Grace Elliott
Mar. 11	Ellis A. Hall	31	9	29	Colebrook	X		W.	Single	Errol	Columbia	Benjamin Hall	Belle Spencer

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OTIS WOODARD, Town Clerk.

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN TOWN OF COLUMBIA, N. H., FOR YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1926

Date of Marriage 1926	Place of Marriage	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride	Occupation of Groom and Bride	Place of Birth of Each	Names of Parents	Name, Residence and Official Station of Persons by whom married
June 28	Colebrook	Lynn Parkhurst	Mechanic	Columbia	Albion Parkhurst Eva Stevens	C. L. Carter, Clergyman Colebrook
		Madelyn Gadwah	Housework	"	Harley Gadwah Eva McColough	
July 15	Canaan, Vt.	Lew Wallace	Farmer	"	Anson Wallace Clara Legro	Geo. C. McDonald, Clergyman Canaan, Vt.
		Gladys Clark	Telephone Operator	Lemington, Vt.	David Clark Jennie Plunkett	
Sept. 26	Laconia	Jeremiah W. Gainey	Chauffeur	Lewiston, Me.	Jeremiah Gainey Mary Salter	Rev. L. R. Routher, Catholic Priest No. Stratford
		Margaret McVeigh	Waitress	Holyoke, Mass.	Bernard McVeigh Mary Murphy	
Nov. 3	No. Stratford	Rupert E. Sims	Farmer	Lemington, Vt.	Ernest Sims Delia Nason	Joseph Simpson, Clergyman Laconia
		Mabel R. Oakes	Waitress	Columbia	Lovell Oakes Mattie Annis	

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OTIS WOODARD, Town Clerk.

FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE COLUMBIA SCHOOL DISTRICT

For the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 1925 and Ending June 30, 1926

Balance on hand July 1, 1925	$ 647 28	

RECEIPTS

From State	4 047 09	
" Town	7 370 91	
" other sources	11 72	
" Dog licenses		
		$ 12 077 00
Total Payments		$ 11 674 98
Cash on hand		402 02
Amount due district from dog licenses		80 90
Total assets June 30, 1926		$ 482 92

LIABILITIES

The Macmillan Co.	$ 3 11	
Chas. W. Marshall	2 00	
Carrol Stoddard	2 00	
Total liabilities June 30, 1926		$ 7 11
Balance		$ 475 81

PAYMENTS

	Expenditures 1925-26	Estimated Expenditures 1626-27	Proposed Budget 1927-28
Administration:			
Salaries of dist officers	$ 99 00	134 00	200 00
Supt excess salary	400 00	500 00	500 00
Truant off. and sch census	31 85	40 00	50 00
Exp. of administration	78 98	90 00	190 00
Instruction			
Principal and Teachers salaries	6 653 45	6 840 00	7000 00
Text books	214 16	158 75	175 00
Scholars supplies	121 06	135 00	150 00
Other expenses of Ins	69 90	25 00	25 00
Operation and maintenance of school plant			
Janitor service	305 14	321 00	300 00
Fuel	544 30	575 00	7 00 00
Water, light, jan. sup.	16 43	50 00	50 00
Minor rep. and exp.	375 93	150 00	400 00
Auxiliary agencies and special activities			
Med. insp. Health sup.	493 79	550 00	600 00
Transp. of pupils	304 00	36 00	360 000
High sch. and acs. tuition	1 606 32	1 250 00	2 000 00
Other spec. activities	1 00		
Outlay for construction and equipment			
New equipment	780 00	100 00	175 00
Lands and new buildings	25 00	25 00	25 00
Debt. Interest and other charges			
Tax	266 00	256 00	270 00
Payment from last year	85 88	7 11	
	$11 674 98	11 566 86	13 170 00